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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group, FBIS
FROM:
Chief, Okinawa Bureau, FBIS
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - March 1986

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I. GENERAL

A. The dollar continued to fall in mid-March, reaching its weakest level with the Japanese yen since World War II, just under 175 yen to the dollar. The record low further affected bureau FY-86 budget projections; in March the projected shortfall was \$459,000. The shortfall results from heavy yen expenditures for local payrolls and for utility costs. Bureau expenditures are being held to a minimum. For employees, the effects of the weak dollar were offset by an increase in the post COLA allowance from class 5 to 10, retroactive to mid-February. At month's end, the exchange rate appeared to have stabilized at around 178 yen to the dollar.

B. We have requested contracting authority to demolish our ancient Quonset building and build a new 3-bedroom duplex. We plan to begin this work by September.

C. Installation of the PESOS 3-meter satellite dish antenna enabled the bureau to cover two different satellite programs simultaneously for the first time on 25 March. With Hong Kong's concurrence, the bureau covered live the opening session of the PRC's National People's Congress, including a two-hour speech by Premier Zhao Ziyang, using the 10-meter dish. Moscow TV coverage was maintained with good reception from the Soviet 140 East satellite with PESOS. Tests continue to establish the best PESOS orientation to maintain the signal during the 140's orbital drift. PESOS reception has proved better in recent tests and it may not be necessary to motorize its azimuth and elevation adjustment gear if the Soviet satellite's drift is not excessive.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. Live television coverage of the 23 March opening session of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and the 25 March first session of the National People's Congress produced a multitake substantive FYI and three videotapes sent to MOD by DHL courier. Monitors noted that TV processing was considerably easier with the excellent TV sound, compared to Beijing radio. The bureau has begun collecting mug shots for identification of Chinese leaders.

2. Firm job offers were accepted by three Chinese monitor candidates interviewed and tested last November in Taipei: two men, [redacted] and one woman, [redacted] all knowing Mandarin and Taiwanese (Amoy) dialect. Okinawa's only Tagalog/Chinese monitor, [redacted] returned on 26 March from Hong Kong after a nearly 4-month TDY. [redacted] will leave Okinawa for a permanent assignment at Hong Kong Bureau in early April.

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3. Korean senior monitor [redacted] who is 66 years old, wound up his 28-year career with FBIS on 31 March. The bureau chief presented him with the FBIS Career Medal and a letter of appreciation from D/FBIS at a ceremony 27 March. [redacted] departure leaves the bureau with four Japanese monitors, three of whom also know Korean. [redacted] a Chinese-Japanese monitor has been permanently assigned to the Japanese team.

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4. [redacted] received a gold, ruby-studded 40-year service pin in a ceremony 28 March for his many years as a Russian monitor at Cairo, Cyprus, Vienna, London, and Okinawa Bureaus. [redacted] plans to retire probably in 1987. He began with the old FBIS Cairo Bureau in 1948, after prior U.S. Government service in Egypt.

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5. The bureau chief presented service certificates to three senior monitors at ceremonies on 26 March: Chinese shift supervisor [redacted] 25 years; Chinese monitor [redacted] and Russian unit chief [redacted] each 15 years.

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B. Cruising

1. China's new 103 East satellite launched in February is still under test before full operation. The bureau relied instead on China's leased transponder on the 66 East Intelsat for live coverage of the NPC opening; the 103 had not been operating continuously, and it shut down in the middle of Premier Zhao's speech. The 103 also has carried other RF signals, but no firm schedule

has been established. Satellites and cruising records were searched to devise a list of most likely Chinese facsimile frequencies for use when the automatic fax processor unit is installed in late April.

2. ROSET cruising also yielded some new Moscow international radio services being relayed on the 80 East Statsionar satellite, including Moscow Mandarin to China, Moscow World Service English, and Radio Peace and Progress in Chinese and Mongolian.

C. Technical

1. Permanent installation of the PESOS antenna was completed, with a concrete base, weatherproof pipe conduit for the coaxial cable to the ROSET room, realignment of the Microdyne receiver for optimum signal and to eliminate interference from energy dispersal transmissions, and a TV monitor. New air conditioners for the ROSET/cruising room were installed.

2. The old cruising room has been subdivided into three offices for the chief monitor, reference librarian and bureau clerk, freeing up three monitoring booths that will be used in a relocation of the Japanese and Vietnamese teams and permit consolidation of Chinese booths in one area. The old radiophoto booth is being renovated and enlarged to accomodate the Japanese team.

3. Curtains for the bureau rhombic antenna replacement program are being fabricated by the U.S. Air Force antenna maintenance team, and a contract was signed for replacing antenna poles beginning in April, using new access roads completed at the end of the recent sugarcane harvest.

III. VISITORS

To The Bureau:

Maj. Gen. James L. Day, commanding general, Marine Corps Base Camp Butler and senior U.S. officer on Okinawa, on 4 March, for bureau orientation and lunch; Lt. (USN) Robert S. Feinberg, Chaplain, on 5 March, for briefing and lunch; [redacted] ADD staffer, on 6 and 7 March, for computer program briefing during his 26 February to 12 March private visit to spouse [redacted]; Capt. Rick Sharp, Corps of Engineers Okinawa Area Office, on 5 March, for housing recapitalization discussions; Lt. Col. Chris Tragakis, Chief, Okinawa Area Field Office, USFJ, on 24 March, to discuss lateral services and administrative questions; 500th Military Intelligence Group, Camp Zama, Operations Officer Coolidge Ozaki and Maj. Ronald Ashton, electronics officer, 26-27 March, for bureau orientation and satellite communications discussions; Analysis Group China analyst [redacted] 26-28 March, for briefing and orientation; editorial trainee [redacted] arriving 26 March, to begin his 12-week TDY.

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From The Bureau:

Regional engineer [] completed coordination/inspection visits to Hong Kong 27 February to 4 March and Bangkok 5-9 March; bureau chief and bureau engineer visited Ft. Buckner U.S. Army Information Systems Command for briefing on FBIS communications through the ASC;

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[] on 14 March attended change of command ceremony at which Col. Frederick M. Beatty took over Kadena's 18th Tactical Fighter Wing from Col. Richard E. Hawley, selectee for brigadier general; senior editor [] 21-31 March, on personal travel to Hong Kong and Taiwan; editor [] on CONUS R&R, 22 March to 2 April; [] and family on R&R to Kyoto and Tokyo 23-29 April; associate editor [] and family to mainland Japan for EOT leave 23 March to 6 April; TDY editor trainee [] departed Okinawa 28 March for Hong Kong and CONUS at end of her training; and on 28 March, [] attended a dinner given by 313th Air Division Commander Brig. Gen. Snyder for visiting vice chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, Gen. John R. Piotrowski.

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IV. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

On 24 March, bureau employees held a farewell dinner for retiree [] The Dragon Restaurant served twelve outstanding Chinese dishes.

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OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 1,221,890
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 473,310
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 3,753

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	18,920 min.	40,040 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
 English
 Phnom Penh SPK in
 French

930

470

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in
 English

Beijing International Service to North America in
 English

370

Beijing International Service in
 Japanese

2,410

Beijing International Service in
 Mandarin

Beijing to Taiwan in
 Mandarin

490

Beijing to the USSR in
 Russian

6,210

Beijing to Vietnam in
 Vietnamese

2,330

Beijing Domestic Service in
 Mandarin

10,270

Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

2,570

Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

4,530

Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

8,780

Nanchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

9,700

Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in
 Mandarin

8,030

Shanghai City Service in
 Mandarin

7,750

Miscellaneous

Editorial Reports

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BROAD-
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AGENCIESPUBLI-
CATIONS

Beijing Television Service in Mandarin	19,650		
Beijing XINHUA in English		567,250	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		145,360	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			---
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			4,330
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			13,120
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			18,860
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			500
Shanghai JEIFANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,230
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			2,730
CLANDESTINE (Clandestine) Ba Yi Radio to China in Mandarin	1,090		
JAPAN Naha Radio NHK in Japanese Japanese	680		
Tokyo FUJI Television Network in Japanese	1,480		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	5,420		
Tokyo JES in English		450	
Tokyo KYODO in English		151,270	
Tokyo JIJI in English		6,780	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			1,390
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,610
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			13,960
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			1,780
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			7,340

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			4,410
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			10,750
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			120
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			12,870
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			7,310
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			440
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			6,360
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			---
KOREA (NORTH) Pyongyang KCNA in English		---	
MONGOLIA Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		8,980	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		5,430	
TAIWAN Taipei International Service in English	3,340		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	830		
Taipei CNA in English		27,690	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			5,570
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	4,510		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	150		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	3,800		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	3,760		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	830		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	370		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	10,840		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	950		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	10,540		
Hanoi VNA in English		57,510	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	
Hanoi VNA in Vietnamese		---	
Ho Chi Minh City VNA in Vietnamese		---	